

**Fredericksburg Area Local Human Rights Committee**

**Minutes- APPROVED**

**Regular Quarterly Meeting – April 2, 2010**

**Attendance and Determination of Quorum:** Quorum met

Members:

Present: Debe Fults, Karen Tiberio, Lynn DelaMer, Nancy Sorrentino

Absent: Marguerite Roche

Senior Advocate: Deb Lockhart

Affiliates:

Present: Blue Ridge Residential Services, Family Love, Family Solutions, PEOPLE, Remuda Ranch, Wall Residences, Intercept Youth Services, Family Preservation Services, Heritage House, National Counseling Group, Dominion Day Services, Clinical Empowerment

Absent: Family Guidance, Tree of Life Christian Counseling Services

Guests: None

**Starting of the Meeting /Review of Agenda:** Began at 9:39am with introductions by those present

**Reading/Approval of old Minutes:** Motion to approve January minutes with changes was made by Lynn DelaMer and seconded by Nancy Sorrentino

**Public Comment:** none

**Report of Regional Advocate:** Deb is making visits to affiliates and their facilities; had a very pleasant visit with PEOPLE and NCG, who has an excellent "internal" reporting system. Licensing and the DMHRS are working together to streamline their monitoring services.

\*Deb would like to offer Human Rights training to supervisors of affiliates who would be responsible for training people within the individual organizations.

\*Dr. Sherer with NVTC is a resource to help with emergency community response team.

**Program Reports:**

<u>Blue Ridge Residential Services:</u>	Although they have a provider in our area, they are still not serving any clients in the area. No allegations of abuse/neglect; quarterly report received
<u>Dominion Day Services</u>	No complaints or allegations of abuse; 1st restraint was done in the Caroline program; quarterly report received
<u>Empowerment Clinical</u>	No complaints or allegations of abuse; have moved to a new location in Caroline (204 N. Main Street, Bowling Green, VA) and are looking to become involved with day treatment; quarterly report received
<u>Family Love:</u>	Issues discussed in executive/closed session; quarterly report not received?
<u>Family Preservation Services:</u>	No allegations of abuse or complaints; quarterly report received

<u>Family Solutions:</u>	No allegations of abuse/complaints; quarterly report received; as of March 1, have opened an office in Stafford County
<u>Heritage House:</u>	Issues discussed in executive/closed session; quarterly report received
<u>Intercept Youth Services</u>	Issues discussed in executive/closed session; quarterly report received
<u>National Counseling Group</u>	No allegations of abuse/complaints; quarterly report received
<u>PEOPLE</u>	No allegations of abuse/complaints; have one new resident and currently have 2 openings in their program; quarterly report not received
<u>Remuda Ranch</u>	No allegations of abuse/complaints; quarterly report received; currently serving 17 women
<u>Tree of Life Christian Counseling</u>	Absent; Deb will follow up with the current status of the organization
<u>Wall Residence Inc.</u>	1 allegation of abuse as reported in the quarterly report; Deb needs a follow up report from Wall

**Old Business:** Structures Youth Home was sent a letter by the FALHRC disaffiliating them from our committee due to failure to provide reports and attend meetings. Barbara from FPS will check on whether Blue Ridge has paid their affiliation dues.

**New Business:**

- Missing quarterly reports from: Family Love, People, Central VA/Family Guidance, Tree of Life
- Discussed ideas on planning and recruiting for new FALHRC members.

**Announcements:**

- The 3rd Annual Walk for Wellness will be held on May 1 at Hurkamp Park.
- ADA 20th Anniversary Celebration is being held on July 17th from 9:00 - 3:00 at Hurkamp Park. Contact dRC for more information.
- If interested in being included in the Community Connections Directory website, please submit your form to Lynn DelaMer. It is too late to be included in the paper edition, but the website is updated monthly. Information will be forwarded to the United way for online Community Connections Directory.
- Mobility Options- New freedom grant to increase transportation for people with disabilities and seniors
  - transport to Richmond & Charlottesville one day a week
  - collecting data re: transportation needs/issues
  - recruiting volunteer drivers-reimbursed at federal rate; must have application process & background check
  - bus from King George to Fredericksburg
  - program moving to RAAA in fall
- dRC sponsored workshops: Heartache to Hope
- The FALHRC is looking for new committee members. The current chair, Debe Fults, will be leaving in 2010. If you have clients or know a health professional or other consumers who would be interested in serving on the committee, please contact a committee member or Deb Lochart.

**Next meeting dates and place:**

2010 dates of meetings:

- June 25th 9:30 at the dRC
- planning meeting for committee members on June 11, 2010

**End of open meeting:** 10:45am

**Executive session:**

- A motion was made by Lynn DelaMer and seconded by Nancy Sorrentino that the FALHRC enter into closed, executive session pursuant to VA Code 2.2-3711 for the protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business, namely for the purpose of discussing an incident with National Counseling Group, pursuant to the regulations.
- Upon returning to open session, the FALHRC unanimously certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only private business matters lawfully exempted from statutory open meeting requirements and only private business matters identified in the motion to convene the executive session were discussed in the executive session.